

A Message From The Principal

What an incredibly busy year this has been here in RaLET! Many thanks to all those who have given their time, energy, expertise and commitment to make our school the happy, vibrant and industrious place that it is:

- ✓ Our teachers and SNAs – we are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated, energetic and hardworking team in RaLET.
- ✓ Wendy and Ann in the office who are always so patient, efficient and pleasant
- ✓ Herby who works tirelessly to keep our school building and grounds looking great!
- ✓ Michelle and Anett who clean our school each day when everyone is gone home
- ✓ Our PTA who have supported us all year, organising events and generating much needed funds for those extra resources for our pupils.
- ✓ Our Student Council who try very hard to keep us all on the right track and focused on the important things in life!
- ✓ Our morning drop off volunteers who help keep our pupils safe every day
- ✓ Our BOM who work away in the background taking care of all the tedious tasks necessary for the smooth running of the school.

Congratulations and well done to Louise and Jenny's Junior Infant classes who have settled so well into school life and are ready to take on new challenges in Senior Infants. We say a fond farewell to our sixth class pupils who are moving on to new schools in September. We wish them all well and hope that they come back to tell us all about their future adventures.

A huge farewell to Dermot who retires this week after a long teaching career – we will all miss his energy, enthusiasm and kind and generous spirit. We wish him good luck as he embarks on his monumental journey around the globe and we look forward to following his adventures along the way. We will also miss Eileen, our school traffic warden, as she too retires this week. She did her job with such care and good humour and I know that our families will miss her greatly! We wish her well in her retirement.

Bon Voyage to teachers Michelle, Gráinne and Georgina who are planning adventures abroad for next school year.

The school will reopen on Thursday August 31st for all our pupils. If, for any reason, you need to contact us during the holidays please use the school office email system (office@ralet.ie). Thank you all for your support throughout the year.

Wishing all our families a happy and sunny summer break,
Trish

Visit to Wonderland

On June 21st, some of the boys and girls went on a trip to the Bord Gáis to see the musical Wonderland. It was a beautiful sunny day and they had a picnic beside the Grand Canal. The show was spectacular with lots of singing, dancing and colour. Money for this trip was fundraised by putting on a school concert for friends and family, which was a huge success!

Íona, Conor & Sinead



Healthy Mind, Healthy Body

As you all know, we finished off the year with a whole school focus on 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body.' It was a packed fortnight! Everything including nutrition, mindfulness, drumming, tennis, yoga, feelings, running, cycling, thinking about our mind - these topics and much more, were all discussed.

We even had a special evening for the parents to help them look after their mental health. The staff all played tennis together one afternoon - for both their physical and mental health! We kept the website up to date with lots of photos and descriptions of what we got up to - so please check it out! *Fiona*

Film Club Fun

Film Club started a few months ago and we aimed to make a movie to enter into the Fís Film Project for schools. The film had to be a maximum of five minutes in length. We began by discussing some ideas and then deciding on a plot. The group came up with the idea of having a school that parents would send their badly behaved children to. The principal, Mr. Grim Reaper, teaches the kids to behave appropriately. It was great fun making the movie and it was a really interesting experience. We even had Aidan's dad, Steve, come in and use his drone to get some really cool aerial shots for the movie. We are currently editing the movie, which we hope we can cut down to five minutes! *Simon & Conor*

Bizworld Buzz

by Aliseo & Alice, Fiona's 5th Class

A lady called Rachel came in from Bank of Ireland and helped us create our own business. We had a two day course from Bizworld. We got into groups and had to decide on a product that had never been invented before. It was tough because not everybody got to do their ideal product, but we made it work! In the end we ended up with completely different products from each group. We then made poster, flyers and business cards of our products. When our products were complete we went into 4th class to tell them about our products. Later in the day we went downstairs to the dragons who were: Iona, Dermot and Darren (from the Bank of Ireland in Balbriggan). We are very thankful for the effort that Bizworld took and all their time they spent with us! We really enjoyed the wonderful experience, and we really recommend it!

Music Clubs

Many children in RaLET have participated in music after school clubs this year, including violin, Fiddlestix, keyboards, RaLET choir, Ukeladies, Bill's guitar group and Ceol le Chéile.

All children have shown huge commitment and dedication and have made sure music is a really big part of our school community. These groups all hope to continue next year, so keep a look out when we come back in September! *Iona*



Garden Gang

There has been lots of activity in the garden this term! Children began sowing seeds with their classes earlier in the year including carrots, runner beans, turnips, tomatoes, peppers and lots more! With the help of parents and teachers, the children planted all of these out and have been carefully watering and weeding so hopefully when we come back in September we will have lots of harvesting to do! We would like to thank everyone who has helped this year with the garden and come along to help move trees, dig, plant and everything else which has been needed.

A special thank you to parents Miriam Campbell and Sam Mulligan for their continuous work in maintaining the garden - watering, weeding and digging. It is hugely appreciated! And if you are interested in getting involved with the garden next year, let Miriam, Sam or Íona know. *Íona*



Gaelic Football

RaLET's first ever Girls Gaelic Football team was formed this year due to an explosion of interest in the sport amongst 4th and 5th class. The team took part in the Fingal League, friendly matches and a very enjoyable blitz organised by James at Round Towers.

Our most recent outing saw the girls mount an excellent comeback against Gaelscoil Ros Eo. Nine points down after halftime, the girls stormed back into the match, with the forwards kicking some excellent scores, the backs defending bravely and the goalkeeper making several fantastic saves. We're exceptionally proud of the progress that they have made during the year.

21 players joined the panel, each getting a chance to practice their skills in training and show what they can do on the field. Quite a few have now joined their local clubs, Round Towers and St. Maurs, and are benefitting from the great coaching available there. *Aodhán*

